

(d) the loss suffered because of these accumulations by way of interest alone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No specific study has been made regarding large accumulation of different types of iron and steel at different steel plants.

(b) to (d). The average stock-holding of iron and steel at SAIL plants has been within limits and on an average the ratio of stock holding in SAIL plants to their total despatches in 1991-92 works out to 2.8% only.

Pottam Power Project

6118. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pottam Power Project in Orissa is being implemented since 1987;

(b) if so, the total amount involved therein;

(c) the total irrigation potential to be created after its completion; and

(d) the time by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI

KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Potteru Hydro-electric Project of Government of Orissa was sanctioned by the Planning Commission in April, 1987.

(b) The latest estimated cost of this Power Project as indicated by Government of Orissa is Rs. 13.64 cores.

(c) The total irrigation potential to be created after completion of the Potteru Irrigation Project is 1.0988 lakh ha.

(d) The Power project is likely to be commissioned in 1994-95. The Irrigation Project is likely to be completed in VIII Plan, subject to availability of funds.

Capacity Utilisation by SAIL

6119. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of capacity utilisation of the steel Authority of India Limited by the end of March, 1991, plant-wise; and

(b) the reasons for the high cost of production and low qualities of steel produced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Crude Steel capacity utilisation of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been improving. Details are given below.

Plants	March, 1991	March, 1992
Bhilai Steel Plant	88%	94%
Durgapur Steel Plant	76%	76%
Rourkela Steel Plant	86%	85%

Plants	March, 1991	March, 1992
Bokaro Steel Plant	70%	85%
IISCO	95%	107%
SAIL	80%	88%

(b) Relatively high cost of production of steel is due to various factors like high input prices and capital related charges, inferior quality of raw material inputs, low productivity, ageing of plant and equipment, and high incidence of scrap and losses, etc.

SAIL does not produce low quality of steel. SAIL produces more than 88% of saleable steel to the specifications of the Bureau of India standards; the remaining 12% production comprises commercial tested/off-grade/defectives.

T. V. Serials Shortlisted

6120. SHRI SYED SHABUDDIN. Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to reply given on March 16, 1992 to Unstarred Question No. 275 and state;

(a) the number of short-listed serials based on classics/novels with the names of classics/novels on which they are based;

(b) the number of historical/cultural serials giving the brief particulars of the serials in each case; and

(c) the procedure to be adopted by the Doordarshan for proving the current shortlist of 432 proposals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) The information is being collected

and will be laid on the table of the House.

(c) The provisionally shortlisted serials will be prioritised in each category for telecast according to the programme requirements of Doordarshan.

Air Services Between India and Vietnam

6121. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce air service between India and Vietnam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the above air services are likely to be introduced;

(d) whether the Government propose to start any direct air service to other countries by the end of 1992;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which the above air services are likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) At present both Air India/Indian Airlines have no plans for commencing operation to Vietnam.